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GOVERNOR DAVIS PROCLAIMS "CALIFORNIA NONPROFITS AND PHILANTHROPY WEEK"

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SACRAMENTO – Governor Gray Davis today proclaimed March 31-April 6, 2002 "California Nonprofits and Philanthropy Week" in recognition of the nonprofit and philanthropic organizations that touch the lives of people of all ages and genders, from all socio-economic, political, ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

"One of California's greatest strengths is the presence of its vigorous nonprofit and philanthropic organizations," Governor Davis said. "The citizens of California have joined together to form more than 120,000 nonprofit organizations."

"From protecting civil rights and promoting the arts, to fighting diseases and preserving our precious natural resources, many of the important achievements of the past 50 years have originated in the passionate leadership and the tireless efforts of nonprofit organizations," Governor Davis continued.

More than 15 million Californians volunteer three to five hours per week with nonprofit organizations.

Please see the attached proclamation.